

## THE COUNTY NEWS.

Interesting Items From All Over Allen County.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT DEEDS

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## PLEASANT VALLEY.

(D. T. Smith is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Pleasant Valley. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

Mrs. John Moore is visiting her daughter, Ada, in Wilson Co.

Ed Rhodes was in Kansas City last week to see if he could get some stock cattle, but found none to suit him, so he has gone to Girard this week to see if he can find any there. Mrs. Rhodes and daughter, Millie, accompanied him as far as Erie where they will visit for a few days.

Mrs. McDowell was on the sick list last week but is better at present.

D. S. Smith sold part of his Texas hogs last week. He sold at Colony but went up to Kansas City on a pass. He did fairly well on his hogs but not so well as he hoped.

Prairie Union school is arranging a fine program for Washington's birthday.

Our community was terribly shocked by the news of Jerry Bibbins, of Colony, suiciding.

Mr. N. Morehead, who went to Texas recently, taking with him a car load of household goods, had a most exciting and expensive experience on the road. He describes it in a letter to a friend as follows:

I left Moran just at dark, riding in my own car expecting to go to the caboose after I arrived at Parsons, at which place a different caboose was to accompany the train. At Erie the conductor called at my car door to have me sign a report which he needed to send in. I went to the door of my car and signed the report. Shortly afterward while the train stood on the side track I was called again in a very gentlemanly way asking if I would give them a lift on a bar to help out a pair of trucks back on the track which had gotten off. I told them I would. I had a lantern burning in my car and think they had one when they called me, but when I lit on the ground I realized that I was in the dark and also in the hands of two desperate men. One caught me around the arms just below the shoulders and the other caught me by the legs and had me on my back in an instant. I called police about three times. By that time they had me by the throat choking me so severely and threatening to shoot me if I did not hush that I told them I would quit. I got hold of one of their revolvers, but they wrestled it away from me again. So I thought I'd better keep still and let them have my pockets books and they were not long getting them after I quit tussling with them. I got my face scratched so that it bled some and my throat is still sore from the choking. It was very dark. I could not tell anything about what kind of looking men they were. The train was going when they let me up but as I had a rope hanging out of my car door, I succeeded in getting into the car. I rode to Parsons before I had a chance to report what had happened. I lost my cap and \$5. One of the office men at Parsons gave me a hat for which I was very thankful. I got through to Brookshire, my destination without any more trouble.

## DIAMOND.

(Mrs. W. T. Jones is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Diamond. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through her, and any assistance rendered her in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

A letter received by Sam Dragoose announced the illness of his son, Charles, who left here two weeks ago.

Mrs. Tompkins of Moran, spent a day last week with her sister, Mrs. Smith, near Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprague entertained a number of their young friends Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. Sours is reported dangerously sick.

David Smart and mother expect to start soon to Illinois on a visit to relatives.

Frank Sprague had a horse badly cut on wire fence Monday.

It has grown into a custom with the scholars of Waverly to make their teacher a present on the last school day before Christmas. This year they selected a glass water set as appropriate for the young housekeeper. But this time the teacher was not the only one surprised for after expressing her thanks for their thoughtful kindness, Mrs. Childs disclosed a supply of bananas and oranges sufficient for all. But the scholars got in another surprise on their teacher Saturday night by going in a body to the hospitable home of Mrs. Adams, where she boards, to spend the evening with her. However Mrs. Childs soon rose to the occasion and with the assistance of John and Ella Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who were also present, the evening passed so pleasantly that it was almost Sunday morning when the "good nights" were said. Surely the amicable relations of Mrs. Childs and her scholars can not be excelled in the county.

## SPRING BRANCH.

(Mr. Frank Jackson is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Spring Branch. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

Jessie Smith returned from Missouri Saturday, where she has been for some time.

A. B. Mull moved back on to his farm the first of the week.

S. T. Drennan was appointed a member of the school board of district 71. He accepted it and was sworn in Monday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Shigley on Monday the 11th, a son.

Mrs. Hull, from near Lone Elm, visited at Mr. Sanders Sunday and Monday.

Mr. May's baby is very low with the lagrippe at this writing.

Mr. Anderson has traded with D.

Ewart for the John Wise farm. That adds 320 acres more to his already large ranch.

Wolves seem to be very plentiful in this part the past week and the boys have had lots of fun chasing them. Mr. Hardy killed one last week with his Winchester.

There was a dance at Springtown Thursday night, before their departure. They moved Friday to a farm near Lagrand.

Mrs. Mowry is visiting her daughter at Atlanta, Kansas this week.

## ELSMORE.

(V. E. Ooster is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Elsmore. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.  
MISSOURI KANSAS AND TEXAS.  
NORTH BOUND.

No. 12, passenger, 3:46 p. m.  
No. 14, passenger, 1:20 p. m.  
No. 63, freight, 10:39 a. m.

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A. F. McCarty and Bob Mooney drove over to Humboldt last Saturday.

Mrs. V. E. Custer and daughter, Blanche, spent Monday in the country.

Pete Olson, from Savonburg, has opened up a shoe shop here this week.

Mrs. Kern's two daughters arrived from Neb last Saturday night.

M. P. Higinbotham and C. Wilson went to Stark Saturday.

The Elsmore band are now using the Hall to practice in.

The dance at the Hall last Friday night was well attended and all report a good time.

Business is increasing at the Elsmore creamery this month.

There is talk of the erection of a two story brick building in the near future.

Dunn and Woods shipped a car of stock to Kansas City this week.

Roy Buck went to Walnut last Monday.

Henry Smith, from Leanna, was in town Monday.

## SALEM.

(W. S. Lytle is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Salem. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

Frank Pettit came over from Buffalo Saturday. The attraction is too great for him to stay away from Salem very long at a time and we don't blame you a bit Frank.

C. A. Fronk and wife returned from their visit in Elsworth Co. They report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Parker's father and mother have returned to their home in Doniphan Co., after making their daughter a pleasant visit.

L. B. Pearson and his daughter, Mary, were in Iola on business Saturday.

C. A. Fronk was attending Court last week as a witness on the text book question.

Malain Stauffer and wife went over to Center Ridge Saturday. They will visit over there for a few weeks.

Mr. H. M. Gillis was in Neosho Co., last week on business.

The young people's Alliance of Salem will hold a Missionary meeting for the sufferers of India Sunday night January 17.

Henry Richmond has taken bet contract of cutting 80 rods of hedge for P. W. Jurey.

Mr. Brubaker is putting in his leisure moments in hunting cotton-tails. We wonder if there couldn't be something done to destroy the miserable pest. They have destroyed hundreds of dollars worth of trees this winter and just about ruined Mr. Thomas orchard and a number of trees for Mr. Lower. Mr. Shigley told us the other day that the rabbits had eaten apple trees for him as big around as his body.

Frank Wood, Salem school teacher, treated his school to candy Friday.

J. T. Wood was around trying to buy a car load of hogs. He says it is hard to get a load now, which shows they are getting scarce.

E. W. Trego is canvassing for the Kitchen Cabinet.

## NORTH MAPLE GROVE.

(Mrs. S. G. Jordan is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at North Maple Grove. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through her, and any assistance rendered her in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

Bert Wiggins and family moved into their new house, last Wednesday, which Mr. Cain has just completed.

Mr. Brackenridge is disposing of his timothy hay this week. Mr. Childs, of Geneva, has bought it and is pressing it. He pays \$5 per ton.

Clarence Lowe has been out lately with the coffee pot he is agent for. We wish him success.

Some Moran men were in the neighborhood last week trying to buy calves. We have not learned what success they had but we think rather poor.

Bachelor Hall has the improvement of a good well at only about 14 feet deep.

Mr. Coblertson, of the poor farm, was at Moran last week attending his father's public sale.

The people of our district are glad to learn of the prospect for a new bridge, as the old one has been condemned some time.

Mrs. Culbertson and Brewer and also Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wisner attended the supper given by the Woodman lodge last week.

Bro. Kreutz, a minister of the Church of God (Holiness), was visiting in this neighborhood last week. He expects to begin a protracted meeting at the County Line school house soon.

Mr. Frank Rosenburger went to Iola Monday to resume his work in the printing office.

Maple Grove union Sunday school elected the following officers for the year: Supt., G. T. Green; Asst. supt., S. G. Jordan; Sec., Edna Ball; Treas., Mr. Wisner; organist, Ruby Green.

John Wright returned from Illinois Wednesday night.

Mrs. Dickerson spent a day with Mrs. Green last week.

There will be a general supper and oyster supper at Maple Grove Tuesday evening.

Mr. C. D. Cain is laying the foundation for a new house across the road from the school house. Charlie it looks rather suspicious.

## PRAIRIE DELL.

(Mrs. M. J. Barth is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Prairie Dell. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through her, and any assistance rendered her in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

Mrs. Sherrill and Master Cleveland spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Malsburg, of Prairie View.

Miss Minnie Cain and her father passed through on her way to her school Saturday and staid over night with friends in Prairie Dell. She told what a nice entertainment her school gave Christmas. It took place in the day-time for the pleasure of the neighbors both old and young, who could not so well be present in the evening. The tree was beautifully trimmed and full of presents. The teachers treat (a bucket full of candy) had to be set under the tree. The room was darkened and the presents and the treat distributed. Then came the parting for the holidays each wishing the other a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellough were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Newman, near Colony, recently.

Mr. N. Crowell, one of our young enterprising farmers, ploughed all day the first Monday in January.

The hog cholera has made its appearance in our neighborhood. We understand Mr. Campbell has lost all his hogs and Mr. Sherrill had lost 25 the last account.

Miss Etta Malsburg spent last week in our neighborhood, going to school during the daytime and helping Mrs. Sherrill evenings and mornings.

Mr. Brightwell, representing the Ottawa Nursery was soliciting sales in our vicinity last Monday.

Miss Maud Conolly is visiting at her Grandma's for a few days.

Wesley Simons, formerly an Iola boy, but now of Illinois, is here this week visiting at Mr. Sherrill's.

## NEOSHO VALLEY.

(C. L. Arnold is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Neosho Valley. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

J. B. Young has returned from Georgia.

Ed Thornton, who stayed at his uncles, G. W. Thorntons, last summer and fall, died at his home in Brown county about a week ago.

During his stay at Galveston, Tex., Mr. Green visited at T. F. Kelley's and reports him doing well.

Daily Creason was at R. J. Leek's Saturday night.

Hereafter the regular meeting time for the Y. P. C. U. will be on Tuesday evenings.

The weather of late has been favorable for wheat.

Mrs. Lutz is reported sick.

Mr. Lowe has lost a number of hogs with cholera.

## CARLYLE.

(C. A. Stinson is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Carlyle. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

Warren Carrier returned from Illinois last week. Mr. Talon and family came with him and has rented the farm known as the Armstrong farm now owned by Mr. Fackler.

Moses Smart was in our village Monday.

The W. M. S. met at the church last Thursday afternoon.

Sam'l Geyer is hauling saw dust to Iola.

Martha Arnold returned to Shaw last Friday and Mrs. Arnold came home Saturday.

## SAVONBURG.

(L. E. DeHaven is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Savonburg. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.)

(Received too late last week.) Holidays are over and 1897 with its work is here.

"Doc" Brand's house is about ready for occupancy.

F. A. Berdwell was up from Erie Monday.

Elmer Huff and Ed Depoy are the two new members of the band.

With few exceptions the same officers in the Sunday Schools and Endeavor society were retained for this year.

Owing to the stormy weather Rev. Budd was unable to fill his appointment at this place last Sunday.

The A. O. U. W. entertainment last week was a decided success. The band boys are next and will give theirs on the 19th inst.

Addie Stepp has been on the sick list for the past few days but is improving rapidly.

Millard Marks has gone to Valley Falls to spend the winter with his uncle and to attend school at that place.

W. S. Marks attended the State Teachers' Association at Topeka last week.

Mrs. Mattson lost a valuable horse last Monday.

Ed Moore is spending these cold days reading law. He follows the old adage, "Waste not want not."

Grandma Brand has so much recovered that she is able to be up again.

On New Year's eve the Masons gave a ball in the hall which was quite well attended and on the following night a "Leap Year" party was the main feature, being given by Miss Etta Huff.

The Christian Endeavors greeted the New Year by ringing the church

bell promptly at twelve o'clock Thursday night.

Joe Smith is the only one of our young men who really turned over a new leaf for 1897. On Sunday Dec. 27th, he and Miss Irene Blake were married at the bride's home in Chanute, Kans. They are now, as of old, residents of Savonburg and have taken up their abode in the Steeley residence with the good wishes of their many friends.

The ringing of very few bells has been heard since our present sleet began—too much ice, you know.

## HUMBOLDT.

A. W. Cunningham is the authorized reporter and agent for the REGISTER at Humboldt. Those desiring to subscribe may do so through him, and any assistance rendered him in gathering the news of the neighborhood will be appreciated.

A. C. Huston, of Eureka was in Humboldt Monday.

Miss Nannie Fisher returned to Baird College at Clinton Mo. this week.

Jay Withington came home for a visit Saturday. During the past year he has been the assistant engineer of the new bridge over the Mississippi at Davenport Iowa.

Miss Emma Wakefield was on the sick list last week.

Rack Miller and Lou Coffield of Iola were in town Sunday.

W. A. Choguil and J. S. Lehman were among those who attended the inauguration at Topeka this week.

Mr. H. D. Smith and wife have returned from Arkansas City.

The meetings held at the Presbyterian church during the week of prayer were so interesting that they were continued through this week with gratifying results.

The Christian church has obtained Rev. Moore of Moran as its pastor. Services will be held on alternate Sundays, beginning last Sunday.

Sam Colwell is over from Fort Scott this week buying mules.

Mrs. Helen Dickinson Harbord, well known to old residents of Humboldt lectured at the Methodist church Sunday night on "Reforms and Reformers." The church was crowded and the lecture was considered one of the best ever given in Humboldt.

A party of ten Select Friends went to Iola Thursday evening and attended the installation of officers of the Iola Lodge. They report a pleasant time. A special but unexpected feature of the program was an exhibition by the Iola Fire Company.

The building south of the hall caught fire but was soon extinguished. Just after the fire excitement died down the chemical engine exploded, causing another stampede.

Rev. Fenn, the new pastor of the Methodist church began his work last Sunday.

Mrs. Kelley from Emporia, State Superintendent of junior work for the Y. P. C. E. addressed a mass meeting at the Christian church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lydia Royer, formerly of Humboldt, died at the home of her daughter in Chanute, Friday Jan. 8th. Her remains were brought to Humboldt Sunday and interred in Mount Hope cemetery.

Miss Lillie Klotzbach has erected a substantial residence on her farm west of the river.

## THE REGISTER RAMBLER

Continues His Round of Visits Among the Good People of Geneva Township and Writes

## SOME INTERESTING NOTES.

## ED. E. COOLEY

And his mother were found on the farm where thirty years ago the family settled, coming from Wisconsin. Since his father, Geo. Cooley, died, Ed. has managed the farm and thinks that Allen county is the spot on earth for him. He has become owner of another tract of land we learn and think he must be prospering. They have long kept posted by reading the REGISTER.

## DANIEL E. EDWARDS

Of Erie county, N. Y. and who knew Sheriff Cleveland, we found butchering a sheep for family use and greeted us pleasantly, although a stranger. He came to Kansas many years ago and batched, but 21 years ago went back and married and has recently remodeled and enlarged his house and painted it a shining white, filled his wood house with dry wood for the convenience of the good woman whom he said came to Kansas expecting to have fruit and she shall have it every meal, and when he invited us into a new cemented cellar under his farmer's work shop, and we beheld great rows of canned fruit we knew he meant every word of it. When he plants trees for fruit he selects the best. He handles what land he cares to and lets the remainder out for his tenants and says that of all his stock the hen pays 50 cents per head profit and beats any other stock on the farm. We are now in the Carpenter school district.

## MRS. JAMES CARPENTER.

Who came with her husband from Pennsylvania in '57 lives near. She with her prosperous sons, A. J. and J. W. live on the old farm which since the boys have grown up they have managed. They have part of it seeded to tame grass and raise corn and usually handle stock cattle and fatten hogs, but have fed cattle and shipped them to market themselves. They are workers and managers also as a good house built some years ago and a large barn just finished testify. Mrs. Carpenter says that of an orchard set out 34 years ago more than half of the trees still bear good crops. This long bearing

life reminds us of the observance of years that apple trees set in a deep loamy soil or on land somewhat rocky, seldom fail early as do those planted where an impervious subsoil is beneath.

## FRED HIMEZ

Is a young German who came from across the water twelve years ago. He borrowed the money of his uncle here to pay his passage and worked it out and has made enough by his labor on the farm and in the mines of Idaho to nearly pay for a 60 acre farm a team and some cattle. He is a batch now but we don't expect to find him cooking for himself after a while. He has seen many nice places in the west but thinks this the nicest he has found.

## D. RUNNER.

Was found fixing up his machinery and barn down near the river on Capt. Thrashers farm. He settled in Kansas twelve years ago with a capital of eight in the family, went to work on a farm breaking prairie with oxen or any other work that helped along. His sons have grown up in the school of work and he and one of them added their names to our list. He and others who we find are sharers in the stock on the farm and with 80 acres of wheat that looks fine and a prospect of putting in 80 acres of corn and with a lot of fine young hogs to start on and a complete farming outfit all of which he keeps in the dry, he ought to come out on top.

## ANDERSON-WELL-WRAY

(Nimrod Hankins put the Well in the middle of his name because he says that's the way he pronounced his name to him) was a conspicuous man who came onto the Hutton farm May 10th 1855. Gold was plentiful with him and he is said to have lent it to the early fellows, Horville, Howland, Hankins, Estep and others at a rate now out of sight. One of his daughters

## MRS. POLLY T. HALL

still lives on the farm where her husband Geo. Hall died, leaving her with a large family, six of whom were small boys. Four of them are now voters and "voted right it Kansas did go wrong", remarked the mother. Joe, the oldest son, is lame, but has probably read every item printed in the REGISTER since Perkins' time and says they "have survived all the dry weather and the terrible crime of '73". Mrs. H. held her farm and never had any aid and now with her grown children is enjoying the fruits of her determined and successful battle with difficulties that many a man has quailed before. She came to Kansas May 12, 1855 and is the oldest inhabitant we have found in Geneva township. Mrs. H. says that it was the Sac and Fox Indians and not the Osages that until '57 made their home here and that they were honest neighbors, would pay when they borrowed, but the Osages had to have \$5 for "finding" a horse that they had probably stolen. "We used to make more money on wheat than on any other crop, but for the last few years we have found corn and hogs paid us better."

## JOHN THOMAS

settled on his farm on the river in '65 and ran a saw mill until timber was scarce, when he turned his attention to farming. He has cleared away the trees and now has a stump machine of his own invention that he has on wheels which he places over the stump, draws it out of the ground and off the field and soon has the ground ready to plow with his sulky plow. He has a part of his farm seeded to tame grass and thinks Kansas a healthy place. Contrary to the theory of many that the old fashioned chills are a sure thing in the bottom, Mr. T. says he has not had the call of a doctor in his large family for twelve years. They have a good school and Miss Thorn is the organist in the Sunday School.

## A. B. LYNCH

came in '72 from Illinois to Barton county. He had poor health after a long service in the army and had just money enough to buy a gun. He took a claim and then went gunning for Buffalo for 3 years in a herd extending from the Arkansas river to Medicine Lodge, where there were at times probably five hundred men popping the Buffalo over simply for their hides, which were legal tender at two or three dollars each at any railroad station. Then he married and went to farming and saw great bend grow into a city of 2000. In '91 he came to Allen county and thinks that the bottom land here is as good land as he ever saw. He now has 160 acres of the best, a new six room house a good barn, plenty of stock and his family of nine are supplied with plenty and have good school advantages which with their Sunday School find constant friends in his family. A lady who lives in Iola, and who has been reading our ramblings says, "why don't you tell us what the farmers are raising?" One reason is that they raise so many things and our letters are much too long that we skip many of the details and leave the reader to infer from our mention of a big barn or crib or sheds that the farmer has them in use and our observation is that they are pretty generally filled

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